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April 22, 2019

John David Grimme, M.D.  
8001 Forbes Pl., Ste. 103  
Springfield, VA 22151-2205

RE: Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 133282  
Case Number 800-2019-052952

### Public Letter of Reprimand

On February 5, 2019, the Arizona Medical Board issued an Order for Letter of Reprimand; And Consent To The Same whereby you were reprimanded for failing to identify pulmonary emboli that were present at the time of a CT scan. A copy of the Arizona Medical Board's documents are attached as Exhibit A.

These actions constitute a violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 141(a), 2234 and 2305.

Pursuant to the authority of the California Business and Professions Code section 2233, you are hereby issued this Public Letter of Reprimand by the Medical Board of California.

Kimberly Kirchmeyer  
Executive Director

## **Exhibit A**

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

**JOHN D. GRIMME, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 47911  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

**Case No. MD-18-0436A**

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF  
REPRIMAND; AND CONSENT TO THE  
SAME**

John D. Grimme, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a Letter of Reprimand; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of license number 47911 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-18-0436A after receiving notification of a malpractice settlement regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 52 year-old male patient ("BK") alleging misinterpretation of chest CT scan with subsequent death.

4. On March 2, 2013, BK was admitted to the Hospital after a fall from a ladder.

5. On March 5, 2013, a chest CT scan was performed on BK. Respondent interpreted the CT scan and diagnosed multiple contiguous rib fractures on the right and a small pleural effusion.

6. On March 6, 2013, BK went into cardiopulmonary arrest and expired.

7. The standard of care requires a physician to correctly interpret a CT scan by identifying the presence of pulmonary emboli. Respondent deviated from this standard of care by failing to identify pulmonary emboli that were present at the time of the CT scan.

1           8.     Actual patient harm was identified in that the patient expired due to the  
2 pulmonary embolism.

3                                   **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4           a.     The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
5 Respondent.

6           b.     The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
7 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("Committing any conduct or practice that is  
8 or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

9                                   **ORDER**

10           IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

11           1.     Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

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13           DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

14                                   ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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16                                   By Patricia E. McSorley  
17                                   Patricia E. McSorley  
18                                   Executive Director

19                                   **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

20           1.     Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the  
21 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent  
22 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

23           2.     Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely  
24 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

25           3.     By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to  
a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge

1 this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action  
2 related thereto or arising from said Order.

3 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its  
4 Executive Director.

5 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
6 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
7 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
8 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
9 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
10 any other state or federal court.

11 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)  
12 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of  
13 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
14 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
15 by the parties.

16 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal  
17 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data  
18 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

19 8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a  
20 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,  
21 prejudgment or other similar defense.

22 9. *Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.*  
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JOHN D. GRIMME, M.D.

DATED: 12-17-18

1 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
2 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 to:

3 John D. Grimme, M.D.  
4 Address of Record

5 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
6 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 with:

7 Arizona Medical Board  
8 1740 West Adams, Suite 4000  
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10 Michelle Rebles  
11 Board staff